

Journal of Laryngology and Otology Best Paper Prize Meeting

Date: May 5th, 2011. Venue: Royal Society of Medicine, London, UK. Report by: Edward C Toll, Research Fellow, University College London, London, UK.



(L-R): Mr Narayan, Mr Flood, Mr Harris, Prof CH Jang and Mr Hussain relax and converse after the presentations.

On 5th May the first JLO best paper prize meeting took place at the Royal Society of Medicine, with prizes awarded to one paper in each of five article categories published in JLO in 2010: Review Paper, Main Article Research Paper, Basic Science Paper, Clinical Record and Short Communication.

Mr G Garas presented a highly detailed review examining the evidence base behind investigations in the selection of patients for OSA surgery.

Prof Stangerup presented an investigation of the predictive value of hearing level at different frequencies and speech discrimination for preservation of good hearing in vestibular Schwannoma treated with a 'wait and see' approach, which was unique in its size, completeness and detail of collected data.

Prof CH Jang presented his work on biopolymer constructed tympanostomy tubes coated with vancomycin, demonstrating significantly reduced

staphylococcal biofilm formation in vitro in comparison with uncoated tubes.

Mr R Narayan presented the use of septotomy in the treatment of sinus disease involving the anterior maxillary sinus, which is an efficient method of reducing the need for external approaches.

Mr R Harris presented a case series of eosinophilic oesophagitis. Early involvement of paediatric gastroenterologists was recommended in order to avoid diagnostic failure and oesophageal stricture formation.

Following each presentation a question and answer session was held with the distinguished audience including Visiting Professors Dr Randall Morton and Dr Doug Backhaus. Many congratulations are in order to the successful winners and we look forward to next year's awards in anticipation of further high quality articles.

Winning articles

Best Review Paper:

Georgalas C, Garas G, Hadjihannas E, Oostra A. Assessment of obstruction level and selection of patients for obstructive sleep apnoea surgery: an evidence-based approach. *J Laryngol Otol* 2010;**124**(1):1-9

Best Main Article Research Paper:

Stangerup SE, Tos M, Thomsen J, Caye-Thomasen P. Hearing outcomes of vestibular schwannoma patients managed with 'wait and scan': predictive value of hearing level at diagnosis. *J Laryngol Otol* 2010;**124**(5):490-4.

Best Basic Science Paper:

Jang CH, Park H, Cho YB, Choi CH. Effect of vancomycin-coated tympanostomy tubes on methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* biofilm formation: in vitro study. *J Laryngol Otol* 2010;**124**(6):594-8.

Best Short Communication:

Lesser TH, Suryanarayanan R. Septotomy: a useful approach to the anterior maxillary sinus. *J Laryngol Otol* 2010;**124**(1):77-9.

Best Clinical Record:

Harris R, Mitton S, Chong S, Daya H. Paediatric eosinophilic oesophagitis presenting to the otolaryngologist. *J Laryngol Otol* 2010;**124**(1):96-100.

PREVIEW

American Academy of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery Annual Meeting

Date: September 11th-14th, 2011. Venue: San Francisco, California, USA. Report by: Dr J Regan Thomas, MD, President, AAO-HNS.

The AAO-HNS will welcome thousands of our members, specialists, allied health professionals, and exhibitors from across the USA and around the world. We will greet international colleagues from more than 80 countries who spend significant time, trouble, and treasure to attend the world's largest gathering of otolaryngologists—and the largest exposition of products and services for our specialty. Above all, our vision is that these exchanges of ideas will result in better care for all our patients.

Our unique Global Health 2011 symposium will showcase renowned experts from around the globe, while

Prof Karl Hormann (President of the European Academy of ORL-HNS), will deliver the Myers International Lecture on Head and Neck Cancer.



Dr J Regan Thomas

In addition, our Women in Otolaryngology session, Middle East Caucus and African Caucus will provide opportunities to discuss ideas, collaborate and make new connections.

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British Cochlear Implant Group Annual Conference

Date: March 15th-16th, 2012. Venue: Manchester, UK.

The annual BCIG conference will be held in Manchester in 2012. The meeting will include invited speakers on a range of topics including auditory neuropathy; hearing preservation; surgical techniques for implantation; auditory verbal therapy and free papers sessions. Technology updates from the cochlear implant manufacturers will be included. The British Cochlear Implant group will hold their annual general meeting at the event.

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